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SUBJECT: PRESIDENTIAL VISIT -- FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT/
DIVIDED FAMILIES-COMMITMENT BY FOREIGN MINISTER WOJTASZEK
DURING HIS MEETING WITH THE SECRETARY

REF: A) WARSAW 358, B) 77 WARSAW 9468

1. WE AGREE THAT WOJTASZEK OWES THE SECRETARY AN ANSWER
ON THE CASES CITED IN PARAGRAPH 1 OF REF A. THIS TELEGRAM
CONSTITUTES YOUR AUTHORITY TO MAKE TO WOJTASZEK THE
PRESENTATION OUTLINED IN REF A.

2. WE ARE ENCOURAGED BY THE SIGN OF PROGRESS IN THE
PIKE-BIEGUNSKI CASE, BUT WE AGREE WITH YOU ON THE NEED TO
MAKE CLEAR TO THE POLES OUR CONTINUING INTEREST IN THE
QUESTION OF FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT/DIVIDED FAMILIES AND IN
THE RESOLUTION OF THE SPECIFIC CASES INVOLVED. WE ALSO
BELIEVE IT IS IMPORTANT TO KEEP IN CLOSE CONTACT WITH THE
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POLES SO THAT WE ARE KEPT INFORMED ABOUT DEVELOPMENTS THEY
MAY COMMUNICATE DIRECTLY TO THE PRINCIPALS. ADDITIONALLY,
IN OUR RESPONSES TO CONCERNED RELATIVES AND CONGRESSMEN
HERE, WE ARE STRESSING THE IMPORTANCE OF THEIR KEEPING
US INFORMED AND, PARTICULARLY, OF THEIR ADVISING THE
PRINCIPALS IN POLAND TO KEEP YOU INFORMED.

3. WE ARE DISAPPOINTED IN THE POLISH FAILURE TO ACCEPT OUR PROPOSAL FOR REGULAR WORKING-GROUP MEETINGS TO REVIEW DIVIDED-FAMILIES CASES. WE FEEL THE ALLEGED "DISCREPANCIES" IN OUR REPRESENTATION LISTS WHICH THE POLES HAVE CITED COULD BE RECONCILED IF THEY WOULD AGREE TO A REGULAR CROSS CHECKING OF THEIR INFORMATION WITH OURS. IN THIS RESPECT, WE COMMEND THE EMBASSY'S CONSULAR SECTION CHIEF ON HIS RESPONSE TO MFA VICE DIRECTOR MICKIEWICZ (REF B).

4. ABSENT POLISH AGREEMENT TO ESTABLISHMENT OF FORMAL WORKING GROUPS, WE BELIEVE THE EMBASSY SHOULD TRY TO ACCOMPLISH THIS OBJECTIVE DE FACTO BY GOING IN REGULARLY TO THE MFA ON PENDING CASES. IN DOING SO, THE EMBASSY SHOULD CONTINUE TO DRAW THE POLES INTO COMPREHENSIVE EXCHANGES OF INFORMATION AND CROSS CHECKING OF DATA, ALONG THE LINES OF THE DISCUSSION IN REF B. WE WOULD APPRECIATE ANY FURTHER INSIGHTS YOU MAY HAVE ON THIS. CHRISTOPHER

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